

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

Deborah S. Hunt  
Clerk

100 EAST FIFTH STREET, ROOM 540  
POTTER STEWART U.S. COURTHOUSE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202-3988

Tel. (513) 564-7000  
[www.ca6.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov)

Filed: November 19, 2021

Mr. Bryce W. Ashby  
Law Offices  
1545 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

Mr. Matthew Dowty  
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter  
40 S. Main Street  
Suite 1014  
Memphis, TN 38103-1877

Mr. Craig A. Edgington  
Donati Law  
1545 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

Mr. Justin Scott Gilbert  
Gilbert Russell McWherter Scott Bobbitt  
100 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Suite 501  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Ms. Colleen Elizabeth Mallea  
Office of the Attorney General  
of Tennessee  
P.O. Box 20207  
Nashville, TN 37202-0207

Ms. Amanda Lynn Morse  
Knox County Law Director's Office  
400 Main Street  
Suite 612  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Mr. James Robert Newsom III

Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee  
500 Charlotte Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243

Ms. Jessica Farriis Salonus  
Salonus Firm  
139 Stonebridge Boulevard  
Jackson, TN 38305

Mr. David M. Sanders  
Knox County Law Department  
400 W. Main Street, Suite 612  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Mr. Reed Neal Smith  
Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee  
P.O. Box 20207  
Nashville, TN 37202-0207

Mr. Brice Moffatt Timmons  
Donati Law  
1545 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

Mr. Robert W. Wilson  
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter  
40 S. Main Street, Suite 1014  
Memphis, TN 38103-1877

Re: Case No. 21-5915/21-5916/21-5999/21-6007, *G.S., et al v. Bill Lee*  
Originating Case No. : 2:21-cv-02552

Dear Counsel,

The Court issued the enclosed Order today in this case.

Sincerely yours,

s/C. Anthony Milton  
Case Manager  
Direct Dial No. 513-564-7026

cc: Mr. Thomas M. Gould  
Ms. Lynda M. Hill  
Ms. LeAnna Wilson

Enclosure

Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999/6007

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**FILED**  
Nov 19, 2021  
DEBORAH S. HUNT, ClerkG.S., et al. (21-5915); M.B., et al. (21-  
5916/6007); R.K., et al. (21-5999); ,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

GOVERNOR BILL LEE (21-5915/5916/5999),

Defendant-Appellant

and

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(21-6007),

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER

In Case Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999, the Governor of Tennessee appeals an order preliminarily enjoining enforcement of an executive order allowing parents to opt out of mask mandates implemented by local authorities. In Case No. 21-6007, the Knox County Board of Education appeals orders preliminarily enjoining, and denying a motion to alter or amend, enforcement of an executive order allowing parents to opt out of school mask mandates implemented by local entities. In Case Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999, the parties jointly move to consolidate the cases for purposes of briefing and submission.

Upon review, the parties' joint motions are **GRANTED**, and Case Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999 are consolidated for purposes of briefing and submission. The parties' proposed briefing schedule is adopted and will be entered by separate letter. Any decision regarding oral

21-5915/5916/5999/6007

- 2 -

argument, including whether it is granted, the structure thereof, and the time allotted, is reserved to the ultimate merits panel.

In light of the commonality of parties and issues, Case No. 21-6007 will be submitted to the same panel for consideration on the same date as the consolidated cases.

ENTERED PURSUANT TO RULE 45(a)  
RULES OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah S. Hunt", is written over a horizontal line.

Deborah S. Hunt, Clerk